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1. Rumors regarding the imminent removal of Chervenkov have decreased during the last few weeks. It is believed the Soviets now fear too great an influence by Yugoslavia over Bulgaria and are unwilling to replace strong Chervenkov, whom they trust, with Yagov, who might go too far with Yugoslavia.

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2. Chervenkov's health is still poor. Georgi Damyanov, rather than Yagov or Charkov, is now considered the most likely successor to Chervenkov.

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4. The most probable successor to Neychev is Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Lyuben Gerasimov or Nayden Naydenov, who was the former Minister to England. Gerasimov is favored over Naydenov..

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